(b) the target of import fixed in respect for the year 1993-94; and

(c) in view of *the* increasing demand of petroleum in country what steps Government propose *to* explore new oil fields in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATIS?! SHARMA): (a) The expenditure on the import of crude- oil and petroleum products during the last three years was as under:—

Year	Value (Rs/Crores)
1990-91	10779
1991-92*	13038
1992-93*	17045

*Provisional

(b) Approximatiey 33.60 MMT of crude and 12.89 MMT of petroleum products is proposed to be improved during the year 1993-94.

(c) Government has worked out an attractive package of terms and conditions for encouraging risk capita'; investment *in* exploration and subsequent production Discovered oil and gas fields have also c an offered for development by private companies under joint venture arrangements for medium sized fields and under production haring contracts for small sized fields.

Visit by Iranian Delegation

2907. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level delegation form Iran led by its Petroleum Minister visited India during November, 1993; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the subjects discussed and the broad decision arrived at the meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The subject* discussed include the supply of natural gas from Iran to India, supply of crude oil, import of LPG from Iran to India and technical co-operation in the hydrocarbon sector.

Allocation of *Gas* for Power, Projects in Gujrat

2908. SHRI ANANTRAY , DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will, the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS *be* pleased to state"

(a) whether Government of Gujarat bate requested to allocate natural gas for the power projects i*n* Gujarat;

(b) if so, indicate the decision taken thereon and the quantum. of natural gas available from the offshore gas fields; and

(e) what is the quantity of gas alocated to Gujarat for power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) A total of 7.55 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated to the power projects in the State of Gujarat of which 2.25 MMSCMD is to be supplied from the Western Offshore fields.

Consumption of LPG and Kerosene

2909. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to' state:

(a) the total quantum of Kerosene and LP Gas supplied/distributed for domestic coasumption per month;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Kerosene and LPG for Domestic Consumption are likely to be available in open market rate withou subsidy; and

(c) whether the Committee appointee for rational policy on Public Distribution,. System has been advised to 'ake this commodity also into consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF *THE* MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATJSH